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Memorandum



To : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

Date 10/25/85

From : LEGAL SECTION (190-1376)

Subject : FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - PRIVACY ACTS (FOIPA)
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SAC, San Diego (66-881)

February 18, 1952

Director, FBI (66-2542)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GENERAL R. H. VAN DEMAN
[REDACTED]

100-17729-362

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Reurlet dated February 4, 1952.

The Bureau does not feel that it is necessary on the basis of present information to notify all offices of the removal of [REDACTED] files to another territory. It will be satisfactory at the present time for you to advise only those offices having a continuing interest in these files of their location and availability. If your office receives a number of requests from other field offices for information from these files the Bureau will give further consideration to this problem at that time.

cc - Los Angeles

~~cc - San Francisco~~

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San Diego 1, California

April 22, 1952

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

RE: "SAN DIEGO RESEARCH LIBRARY"

3-3-89

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau, there is being set forth information concerning the captioned organization, which information was obtained from [redacted]

It will be noted that [redacted]

General RALPH H. VAN DEMAN who died in

January, 1952, [redacted]

The Bureau has complete information concerning the maintenance of these files. Since General VAN DEMAN'S demise, these files have been transferred to San Francisco where they are presently being held in storage.

As indicated previously, [redacted]

and, as such, he did [redacted]

has been interested in sub-

versive matters for a number of years. He was [redacted]

[redacted] in the early 40's and in such capacity he visited a number of places in Mexico for the purpose of fostering good will and trade relations between San Diego and that portion of Mexico immediately to the south. In view of his extensive knowledge of Mexico and considering the fact that he did have an interest in subversive matters [redacted]

General VAN DEMAN

while the latter was living and gathering information concerning subversive matters.

It will be observed that [redacted]

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cc - Los Angeles (R&C)
cc - San Francisco (R&C)

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assistance to this office in the past and has furnished us with any information coming to his attention which he believed might be of interest to us.

On 1-21-52 [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted]
have organized [redacted] as a corporation and that the bylaws of this corporation have been filed with the Secretary of State at Sacramento, California. According to [redacted] the purpose of this organization is to collect and compile from public sources, as well as from confidential sources, available to them information of a subversive nature concerning individuals and organizations in San Diego County. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] the "American Research Library" operated by MARTHA KERR in Los Angeles and a similar organization operated by P. KNOWLES.

[redacted]
He indicated that inasmuch as he is [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] explained that some of the information which he is [redacted] which was contained in the files of General VAN DEMAN, which information was either furnished to VAN DEMAN [redacted] or which was made available to him by VAN DEMAN.

[redacted] indicated that the main purpose of this organization is to provide a ready source of information for sustaining members to

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[redacted] as well as persons [redacted]. He likewise indicated that if some person or organization [redacted] of this organization with the request that their indices be checked for any derogatory subversive information, this would not be done automatically but that the person and/or organization would first be screened very carefully to determine that they had a legitimate interest in desiring this information and, if so, it would be furnished to them on a personal basis. This would be the exception and not the rule inasmuch as the service is intended [redacted]

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[redacted] was very emphatic in stating that we could rest assured that [redacted] which would in any way encroach on our jurisdiction in the Internal Security field. As a matter of fact, he appreciates the limitations placed on the Bureau in disseminating the information obtained by the Bureau, as well as the grave responsibilities placed upon the Bureau in the Internal Security field. He advised that as information of any interest concerning Internal Security matters comes to his attention, he will immediately make same available to us. He further indicated that any information which he receives from his foreign sources which would be of interest to the FBI in the United States would also be immediately made available to us.

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I informed [redacted] in detail of the Bureau's jurisdiction in the Internal Security field and explained to him that an organization such as the type he mentioned could conceivably engage in activities which might jeopardize investigations being conducted by the Bureau. He advised that [redacted] has no desire whatsoever to usurp any jurisdiction presently had by the Bureau and that the sole purpose of [redacted] is to collect and compile information which he receives through public sources and other sources available to them, which information would serve as a ready reference [redacted]

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[redacted] inquired as to the possibility of our furnishing to him from time to time the names of any individuals and organizations who have been reliably reported as having been engaged in or to be engaged in subversive activities. I told him that dissemination of any information gathered by us is, of course, restricted, which he understands perfectly, but he indicated that if there were any way whatsoever in which we could furnish him with names of

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individuals or organizations from time to time as having come from an anonymous source rather than from the Bureau. This would assist him immeasurably. He likewise pointed out that, [REDACTED]

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It is felt that [REDACTED] who is a man of approximately [REDACTED] years of age and a successful businessman, is a person of good integrity. He [REDACTED] appears to have a good knowledge of subversive conditions generally in California, as well as Mexico, is mature in judgment and extremely discreet, and has a patriotic interest in endeavoring to render what he considers a valuable service, at some expense to himself. He is well aware of the Bureau's jurisdiction and apparently has no intention of transcending it.

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Bureau advice is respectfully requested as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] general information concerning subversive organizations and their membership in San Diego and Imperial Counties. It is felt that [REDACTED] It is believed that should the Bureau [REDACTED]

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Copies of this letter are being made available to the Los Angeles Office for its information and to the San Francisco Office with the request that they obtain from the Secretary of State at Sacramento, California, a copy of the bylaws of the captioned organization and furnish same to the Bureau and San Diego.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH F. SANTOLANA, JR.
SAC

DIRECTOR, FBI

May 20, 1962

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (66-3182)

"SAN DIEGO RESEARCH LIBRARY"

Re San Diego letter to the Bureau and the San Francisco and Los Angeles Offices, dated April 22, 1962.

There is submitted, enclosed herewith to both the Bureau and the San Diego Office, one certified photostatic copy of the Articles of Incorporation of San Diego Research Library filed with the office of the Secretary of State of the State of California at Sacramento, California on May 8, 1962. RUC.

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cc San Diego (66-1005)

Enclosure - 1

To: Bureau (REGISTERED)
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7/10/52

SUBJECT

Ralph H. Van Deman

ALIASES

ADDRESS

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

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✓ 66-644-1042	Ident	✓ 2336 p40	Ident
✓ 100-3048-38, 48	Ident	✓ 1699	Ident
✓ 100-10164-2	Ident	✓ 1923	Ident
✓ 123-1689-11	Ident	✓ 2884	Ident
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SUBJECT

Tenney Committee

ALIASES

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✓ 100-17879-3509 p28 Ident - not kept

✓ 100-3874-1, 16 (whole file reviewed) Ident - not kept

✓ 65-330-252, 246 Ident - not kept

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① Senate Fact-finding Committee etc

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② Calif Committee on Un-American Activities - NR

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③ Calif Un-American Activities Committee - NR

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④ Joint Fact-finding Committee etc

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✓ 100-11889-1B v(i) Tenney Committee Report - Ident

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④ Calif. Assembly Interim Committee etc - NR

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Richard E. Coombs

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (66-3182)

DATE: 7/23/52

FROM : RICHARD E. STEPHENS

SUBJECT: GENERAL RALPH H. VAN DEMAN, deceased
INTELLIGENCE FILES

On July 10, 1952, the writer reviewed certain of the ^{above} files ~~listed below~~ now maintained by G2, Presidio of San Francisco.

It was noted that these files contained extensive quotations from documents in the possession of the FBI Office in San Diego which were identified in some instances by file, serial, and page number.

Two specific instances were noted; first, a blind memorandum discussing the Communist Party, District 13, which contained mention of key figures and membership lists broken down by ^{succession} ~~succession~~. The source of this information was shown as Informant [redacted] (FBI - San Diego), File 97-1, who received the information from [redacted] (FBI - San Francisco) in a document dated May 27, 1942.

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Security A review of the files of this office reflects that this document was a letter to the Director, dated May 27, 1942 concerning the Communist Party, USA, Internal Subcommittee (R), San Francisco File 97-54-305, copies of which were furnished to San Diego, Los Angeles, and New York. No distribution to outside agencies is noted thereon.

Secondly, a blind memorandum, RE JOSEPH W. WEINBERG, was noted which contained extracts of a conversation on March 29, 1943 between STEVE NELSON and "JOE" which information was obtained by GENERAL VAN DEMAN from a report of [redacted] (FBI - San Francisco) dated October 7, 1949. RE JOSEPH W. WEINBERG, pages 48-54, which report was filed in the office of [redacted] (FBI - San Diego), File Number 105-162-8. Verbatim quotations from this report appeared in the memorandum.

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A review of the San Francisco WEINBERG File (100-23635) reflects that this is a summary report of SA CHARLES F. BRUSCH, dated October 7, 1949 (Serial 251), a copy of which was furnished to the San Diego Office by letter dated February 23, 1950 together with other material to assist in a contemplated interview of BERNADETTE DOYLE concerning WEINBERG.

It was noted that pages 48-54 of instant report are in the Administrative Section, thereof, which information is presumably not distributed outside the Bureau. In this particular case, a large portion of the Administrative Section deals with information received from a technical Informant, including a verbatim transcription of the log.

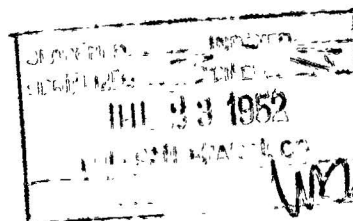
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The above noted manner of distribution of information to GENERAL VAN DEMAN is of particular interest in view of the fact that he, in turn, distributed information which he received to his sources outside the Federal Government. In particular, it was observed that he exchanged information frequently with RICHARD E. COMBS, 415 West Race Street, Visalia, California, attorney for the TENNEY COMMITTEE, and was apparently a personal acquaintance of COMBS. One instance was noted wherein COMBS addressed a letter to a Bureau agent in reply to an inquiry by the agent, and at the same time, furnished a carbon copy of the letter to GENERAL VAN DEMAN.

San Francisco files reflect another instance, (123-1689-11), when a copy of a memorandum furnished by GENERAL VAN DEMAN to the FBI was also distributed to the San Diego Police Department. In this connection, it is to be noted that on February 13, 1952, BERNARD L. KRONICK, 2215 Derby Street, Berkeley, advised SA STANLEY J. EAGER that former MAJOR CARTER F. TRUITT, now a Sergeant, San Diego PD, has a number of carbon copies of reports from GENERAL VAN DEMAN'S files, which KRONICK believed TRUITT was not entitled to have. (66-1701-15)

Of further interest in connection with distribution of FBI information by GENERAL VAN DEMAN to COMBS and the TENNEY COMMITTEE, is the fact that PAUL CROUCH, a former CP member who has been, and may in the future be, a government witness in subversive matters, has been working closely with COMBS and may have had access to COMBS' files.

It was noted that by letter dated March 16, 1950, COMBS advised GENERAL VAN DEMAN that his letter of March 14 with its enclosure had been received and the enclosure destroyed per the GENERAL'S request. There was no further indication in instant letter as to the nature of this enclosure, but COMBS commented that it bore out their theory and "provides just the facts that corroborate the statements of the man who tells me that he knew JRO (J. R. OPPENHEIMER) as a CP member in Alameda County."

Of further interest with respect to the scope of COMBS' activity, is the following quotation appearing in a letter to GENERAL VAN DEMAN, dated March 12, 1947:

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[redacted] but I hesitate to go further in the matter since I do not know what other measures are being taken toward the same end." No further information was available in instant letter to identify the Informant or the basis for such investigative activity by COMBS and the State Committee. The writer did not review the GENERAL'S files further to determine whether they contained any further information relating to COMBS' intended investigation [redacted]

S.F.
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Attached hereto is Form FD 160 reflecting references to GENERAL VAN DEMAN which were reviewed without locating any information relative to the policy of the distribution of reports, etc. to the GENERAL whom, it may be noted, resided in the territory of the San Diego Office during the last years of his career.

Also attached is FD 160 reflecting references to the TENNEY COMMITTEE which were reviewed without finding pertinent information concerning COMBS or policy of distribution of information to COMBS or the Committee by either the FBI or GENERAL VAN DEMAN. Also attached is FD 160 reflecting variations of the title of the TENNEY COMMITTEE which were similarly searched with negative results. Attached likewise is FD 160 for RICHARD E. COMBS, attorney for the committee. These references likewise reflecting no pertinent information concerning distribution policy.

Above information is set forth to apprise you of the extent to which information from Bureau files may have been distributed to outside agencies in this area, although there is no indication that such distribution was in any instance made through the facilities or by the personnel of the San Francisco Office.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (66-3182)

G-2 FILES

SIXTH ARMY AREA

THE PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
(VAN DEMAN FILES)

ReBulet 6/5/57.

The Bureau is referred to San Francisco Air-Tel dated 6/11/57,
captioned "MAJOR GENERAL RALPH H. VAN DEMAN (DECEASED)", [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] which contains the recommendation of the San Francisco
Office that the Bureau not accept the VAN DEMAN files from the Army.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (66-3389)

4-2 FILES, 6TH ARMY AREA,
THE PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA (VAN DEMAN FILES)

Re San Francisco Airtel June 4, 1957, captioned
"MAJOR GENERAL RALPH H. VAN DEMAN (DECEASED)" [redacted]
[redacted] and Bureau Airtel June 5, 1957, captioned as above.

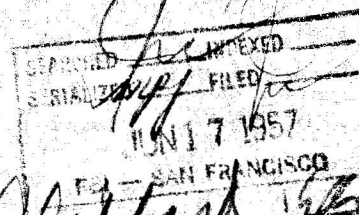
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Careful consideration has been given to the pros and cons of the acceptance of the VAN DEMAN files by the FBI by the Security Agents and Security Supervisors of the Los Angeles Division. It has been the experience of the Los Angeles Division that very infrequent use of these files has been had by this Division during the past several years. Due to the tremendous amount of time and money necessary to properly absorb these files into the records systems of the Bureau, it is not believed that the records would be worth the time and money expended.

It is, therefore, recommended that the FBI not accept the VAN DEMAN files.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
 - ① - San Francisco (Info.) (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - San Diego (Info.) (REGISTERED)
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Director, FBI (66-2542)

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G-2 FILES
6th Army Area
The Presidio of San Francisco,
California
(VAN DEMAN Files)

ReBulet, June 5, 1957; San Francisco letters, June 4, 1957 and June 11, 1957; San Diego letter, June 13, 1957 and Los Angeles letter, June 14, 1957, pertaining to the disposition of certain files of former Major General RALPH H. VAN DEMAN (deceased).

No action will be taken by the San Francisco Office with regard to the acquisition of these files without specific instructions from the Bureau.

- 2 - Bureau (66-2542) (REGIS)
- 1 - San Diego (66-881) (REGIS)
- 1 - Los Angeles (66-3389) (REGIS)
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